

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



April 6, 1982

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-42-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TARGETED ASSISTANCE FOR ENTRANT HIGH-IMPACT AREAS

REFERENCE:

The Federal Register of March 12, 1982 (copy attached) contains the final rule and statement of "Availability of Funding for Entrant Services Grants in High-Impact Areas."

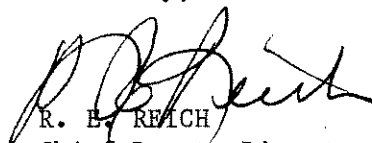
Although California is not currently a high-impact area in regard to Cuban/Haitian Entrants, implementation of Federal changes in the Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA) program may result in many entrants migrating to California from non-General Assistance states. Page 10909 of the Federal Register states "....this notice is designed to provide funding for projects rendering services on an essentially prospective basis."

Therefore, if you anticipate an influx of entrants to your area as a result of Federal changes in ECA and wish to apply for Targeted Assistance, please submit all pertinent information by April 13, 1982 to:

Ms. Pat Masuda  
Office of Refugee Services  
Department of Social Services  
744 P Street, M/S 4-100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your Refugee Services Program Liaison at (916) 322-3141.

Sincerely,

  
R. B. REICH  
Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

Dated: March 3, 1982.

Betty J. Beveridge,  
National Institute of Health, Committee  
Management Officer

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### Social Security Administration

#### Availability of Funding for Entrant Services Grants in High-Impact Areas

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), SSA, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funding for entrant services grants in high-impact areas.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of funds and award procedures for project grants for services to Cuban and Haitian entrants (hereafter, "entrants") under the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program (CHEP) in States and localities where specific needs exist for supplementation of currently available resources because of factors such as a high concentration of entrants.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications for grants under this notice must be received by ORR no later than April 26, 1982, or be mailed by first class mail and postmarked no later than that date. Applications not meeting this requirement will not be considered and will be returned to the sending agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Robins, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Room 1229, Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20201, Telephone (202) 472-4440.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Purpose and Scope

This notice announces the availability of funds for special project grants for services to Cuban and Haitian entrants in areas where, because of factors such as an unusually high concentration of entrants, there exists and can be demonstrated a specific need for supplementation of currently available resources for services to these populations.

Notice of proposed availability of funding was published in the Federal Register for public comment on December 31, 1981 (46 FR 63393). That notice applied to both refugees and entrants, and stated that the Department expected no funds to be available for this purpose for refugee assistance in FY 1982 but that funds were expected to be available for entrant assistance. Because we expect no funds to be available for this purpose for refugees in FY 1982, this notice applies only to

entrants. If funds for this purpose become available for refugees, we will publish a separate similar notice.

No significant changes have been made in this notice from the previously published proposal. We have made clarifications and minor changes in response to comments, and other technical changes.

The Department currently expects \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 1982 to be available with respect to Cuban and Haitian entrants.

The purpose of the grants is to provide additional services to entrants in areas where resources for these purposes have been unusually strained due to factors such as especially large concentrations of entrants. Funding of these special projects is intended to promote effective resettlement and to provide needed services to entrants while at the same time helping to offset extraordinary impacts or burdens on State and local resources.

The amount of funding awarded to an applicant generally will be related to the extent of the specific needs to be addressed and the degree of concentration and number of entrants in the geographic area to be served by a proposed project, as documented in applications. Before examining all applications received, we cannot state the number of awards which will be made. All applications will be reviewed for demonstration of need and the strength of the proposal. We will attempt to target the limited funds to those areas which demonstrate greatest need if appropriate proposals to meet those needs are submitted for use of the funds in those areas.

##### II. Discussion of Comments Received

Twenty-six comments were received in response to the notice of proposed availability of funding. The comments overwhelmingly supported the concept of funding for service projects to refugees and entrants.

Other significant comments, together with the Department's responses, are summarized below.

##### Eligible Service/Use of Funds

**Comment:** Some commenters suggested that funds should be available for services to refugees as well as entrants. Others thought services rendered under these projects should not be limited to those now being provided to entrants.

**Response:** Funds for such projects currently are available only in the entrant program. HHS intends to fund such projects for refugees in the future, however, should funds become available. Funds from the entrant

program may not be used for services and projects for refugees. Funds for these projects are not limited to services currently being provided. In fact, the projects are not intended to replace or duplicate cash and medical assistance or existing social services funds. Any service authorized by Section 412(c) of the INA may be provided, but we are particularly concerned about meeting emergency or extraordinary needs that cannot be or are not being met by other aspects of the entrant program.

**Comment:** Some commenters requested clarification regarding health services eligible for reimbursement under the targeted assistance program.

**Response:** In order to provide for flexibility to consider various factors in the States' medical assistance programs for entrants, any health service which a State feels appropriate and for which the State can show a specific need can be described in its application. Project funds can be used for a variety of health needs of entrants and which do not duplicate other reimbursable medical assistance.

**Comment:** One commenter recommended that the definition of "early self-support" include the vocational rehabilitation needs of refugees with disabilities.

**Response:** By placing a priority on activities promoting "early self-support", HHS does not intend to exclude vocational rehabilitation services. If a State can demonstrate a substantial need, such services could be covered under the targeted assistance program.

**Comment:** Some commenters recommended that activities other than services to entrants should also be eligible for funding, such as costs relating to the arrest and prosecution of entrants for criminal conduct. These commenters requested that aid be provided for impacts on a community which do not relate to direct services to entrants.

**Response:** The statutory authority for the award of federal grant funds under this program is section 412(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, as expressly defined in section 412(c). The range of service and assistance activities which the Department considers permissible under this grant program is that defined by statute as the purposes and activities which projects funded by grants under section 412(c) may be designed to accomplish. The Department does not read the Refugee Act of 1980 to authorize the Director to award grant funds for purposes not related to assisting or serving refugees or entrants—such as for the arrest,

prosecution, or penal incarceration of refugees or entrants.

*Comment:* Provisions for retroactive reimbursement should be available in cases where emergency conditions have required immediate State or local expenditures for health care, food, and shelter services.

*Response:* The grant program announced in this notice is designed to provide funding for projects rendering services on an essentially prospective basis. However, expenditures which States or localities may have incurred in the past on an emergency basis may be explained in applications for grant funds, and will be taken into consideration in assessing the level of need for additional service and assistance funds demonstrated in State applications.

#### Eligibility Criteria

*Comment:* Several commenters recommended that a State should be eligible for assistance if only a portion of the State is highly impacted. Others thought that the ratio should be modified and that additional impact criteria should be considered and more clearly defined.

*Response:* This grant program will permit assistance to States that have high impact in only a portion of the State. The 1:200 ratio we have proposed may be considered merely a strong evidence of need and is only one of the factors we will review. The Department will consider various forms of impact and need and will permit States to explain the nature and degree of such impact. If, for instance, a State believes that it has an extraordinary percentage of entrants on aid compared to the area's total population on aid, it may include such information in its application. Thus States will have the opportunity to describe for HHS review all factors they believe relevant.

*Comment:* One commenter thought that by providing funds only to impacted areas we would be encouraging secondary migration to that area.

*Response:* This Department's experience in administering the refugee, entrant, and AFDC programs is that recipients do not change locations solely because of the availability of benefits and services. In addition, the targeted assistance funds are intended for use by areas already experiencing heavy impacts. We anticipate that the funds will be used to provide clearly needed services and will not be a magnet for further migration.

#### Application Procedure/Administration

*Comment:* Various commenters suggested that either counties, local

governments within counties, or individual service providers should be permitted to apply directly for grants.

*Response:* The proposal is designed to enable the State, which has major programmatic responsibility and accountability under the State plans for entrant and refugee assistance, to plan the use of the funds and to have maximum flexibility to target funds as needed. Each State will decide which areas and services require funding, taking into account the assistance and services already being provided with other funds. As stated in the announcement, a State may subgrant or subcontract with other entities in the State if the State provides a detailed description and cost estimate of those activities which would be performed for the State under subcontract or subgrant. The subcontractors or subgrantees need not be listed.

*Comment:* Several commenters thought that the application procedure was too burdensome and that detailed proposals and budgets ought not to be provided with the application.

*Response:* The application procedure requires the basic information necessary to determine need, impact, and use of funds. We are not requiring changes in normal State procedures for subcontracts and subgrants of Federal funds. The application should describe the purposes, activities, and costs for which funds will be used, but need not go into extensive detail on all operational and budgetary aspects of proposed service projects.

*Comment:* Some respondents commented that the proposal gives the appearance of creating a new administrative mechanism to deliver services already being provided in CHEP. They believe this would be counterproductive to effective State management of entrant services.

*Response:* The Department does not intend to create a new mechanism for delivery of services. Our grant making process permits each State wide latitude in its proposal for use of these funds. They are intended to meet emergency and extraordinary needs of entrants which are not being or cannot be met by other ongoing programs.

*Comment:* Some commenters suggested that States should be given approval authority for all subcontracts with usual ORR prior approval of sole source contracts and prior review of requests for proposals used for State bidding purposes. The program announcement does not specify who would have approval authority.

*Response:* Normal ORR procedures for prior approvals and prior reviews will apply.

*Comment:* Some commenters criticized the proposed requirement that applications must describe how the activities proposed in the application would supplement and be coordinated with ongoing activities under the State's plan for entrant assistance and services. They perceived this requirement to limit allowable services to those now being provided in the entrant program.

*Response:* Targeted assistance project funds are intended for needs which are not now being met by social service funds or cash and medical assistance. The notice does not require services to be provided in the same manner as those now being provided. However, it does require States to explain how services provided under this program and services currently being provided will be coordinated in order to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services. In addition, States must show how the services provided by this program will supplement or meet objectives different from those now being achieved through current funding.

*Comment:* It was suggested that an amount of assistance be allocated to a State which it could distribute however it chooses without having to justify in advance specific expenditures or service.

*Response:* The Department does not believe that section 412(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which provides the legal authority for the grant program, contemplates the award of refugee program funds on terms such as those suggested by this comment. The relevant language of the authorizing legislation specifies types of refugee needs which may be met and services which can be provided through projects funded under the grant program. Moreover, the Act specifically prohibits the award of grants such as the targeted assistance grants without the submission of an "appropriate proposal and application"; and suggests that specific description of the services to be performed is expected to be part of such proposal and application (see section 412(a)(4) of the INA as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980). Finally, in view of the limited resources available for this program, we believe that it is preferable from a policy perspective to require sufficient description of the proposed uses of grant funds to enable the Director to evaluate the relative levels of need for these funds in various geographic areas.

#### Miscellaneous

*Comment:* Many respondents commented that the \$20,000,000

available is insufficient to meet entrant impact needs.

**Response:** HHS currently estimates that approximately \$25,000,000 will be available for the entrant targeted assistance program in FY '82. Because the Refugee Act of 1980 expressly limits our authority to provide assistance to the extent of available appropriations, we cannot increase the amount available for targeted assistance.

**Comment:** Some commented that, due to the impact of the proposed change in refugee and entrant cash and medical assistance policy, the targeted assistance program should be implemented concurrently with that change.

**Response:** This announcement of availability of funds for entrant services grants is being published on the same day as the interim final regulations on cash and medical assistance policy for refugees and entrants, and we intend to make these programs effective at the same time. Awards in the targeted assistance program which are intended for purposes different than cash and medical assistance funds will be made as soon as possible after the deadline for the receipt of all applications.

### III. Authorization

Entrant projects will be funded under the authority of section 412(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-212), 8 U.S.C. section 1522(c), as made applicable to the Cuban and Haitian entrant program by section 501(a) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-422), 8 U.S.C. section 1522 note.

### IV. Eligible Grantees

The Department is limiting eligible grantees to those agencies of State governments designated as responsible for CHEP (under the new section 45 CFR 401.12 and 45 CFR 400.5 as applied to CHEP). State governments must participate in CHEP to be eligible.

States may subgrant or subcontract with other entities in the State. States must submit a detailed description and cost estimate of those activities, if any, which would be performed under subgrant or subcontract. States need not list the subgrantees or subcontractors.

In assessing the adequacy of a State agency's demonstration of need for supplementation of existing resources, the Director of ORR will take into consideration the ratio of entrants to the total population of the State. A ratio of 1:200 or greater will be considered strong evidence of need. Where a State agency can satisfactorily demonstrate a

high level of concentration in one or more local areas within the State, even though the State's total entrant population ratio does not meet the above criterion, such concentration will also be considered strong evidence of need.

Applications submitted in response to this notice are not subject to review by State and area-wide clearinghouses under the procedures in Part I of Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-95.

### V. Eligible Projects

An applying State agency is required to set forth in detail: (1) The proposed use(s) of a project grant; (2) the local area(s) where the activities would be carried out; (3) a detailed description and cost estimate of those activities, if any, which would be performed under subgrant or subcontract (the subgrantees or subcontractors need not be listed); and (4) the specific group(s) of entrants who would be served.

Explicit justification would be required in the application for each specific activity proposed for each specific local area to be served, together with detailed proposed budgets.

The applicant is required to justify in the application why additional Federal funds are needed beyond those currently available for entrant social services, and how the activities proposed in the application would supplement and be coordinated with ongoing activities under the State's plan for the entrant cash and medical assistance and social service programs.

Permissible activities would include the broad range allowed under section 412(c) of the INA, subject to the demonstration of need for a particular activity, as indicated above. Permissible activities could include adult English language training, employment services, emergency food and shelter, health services, certain types of educational services, relocation services to less impacted areas, and other types of services where specific needs for supplementation of State, local, or other resources for the provision of services to entrants could be documented.

The grant period will be 12 months, and grant funds must be obligated by the grantee within that period. Funds must be expended in accordance with the approved application.

### VI. Criteria for Evaluating Applications

An applying State agency must demonstrate a specific need for the supplementation of currently available resources for the provision of needed services to entrants in one or more local areas within the State. A ratio of

refugees or entrants to total population in a State or locality exceeding 1:200 will be considered strong evidence of such need.

The application must spell out clearly the relationship between the requested special project funds and the State's activities being carried out with other Federal entrant funds.

Highest priority would be given to those service projects which are intended to result in early self-support of entrants, to meet urgent needs of individuals and families within the entrant populations, and to avoid major impacts or burdens on State or local resources which may result in an incapacity of those States or localities to serve entrants effectively and to promote their effective resettlement or integration in communities.

Project grant applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Documentation of high concentration of entrants.
2. Demonstration of special need for supplementation of other available resources in order to serve this population.
3. Documentation of extraordinary impact on State or local resources meriting special project grant.
4. Adequacy of justification for each specific activity proposed for each specific local area.
5. Adequacy of description of how proposed activities would supplement and be coordinated with a State's plan for entrant cash and medical assistance and social service programs.
6. Extent to which activities would be targeted to specific areas of greatest entrant concentrations and needs.
7. Assurance that services will be provided by qualified agencies or individuals.
8. Reasonableness of estimated costs in relation to anticipated results.

### VII. Application Procedure

Applications are to be submitted on Form SSA-96 to: Robert L. Robins, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Room 1229, Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20201, Telephone (202) 472-4440. Forms and further information may be obtained from the same office.

### VIII. Selection Procedure

Applicants will be competitively evaluated according to the criteria by a review panel of experts in accordance with the HHS Grants Administration Manual (chapter 1-55).

The panel will make recommendations to the Director of

ORR. Selection of grantees will be at the discretion of the Director.

We estimate that approximately 30 days after the deadline for receipt of applications will be sufficient time to complete the selection procedure.

#### IX. HHS Regulations That Apply

The following HHS regulations apply to grants under this Notice:

42 CFR Part 441 Subparts E and F Services: Requirements and limits applicable to specific services—Abortions and Sterilizations.

45 CFR Part 16 Department grant appeals process.

45 CFR Part 74 Administration of grants.

45 CFR Part 75 Informal grant appeals procedures.

45 CFR Part 80 Nondiscrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

45 CFR Part 81 Practice and procedure for hearings under part 80 of this title.

45 CFR Part 84 Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance.

#### X. Paperwork Reduction Act Information

This notice relates only to applications for project grants on behalf of Cuban and Haitian entrants. OMB review and approval of the application form is not required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. ORR will utilize Form SSA-96 which has current OMB approval (0960-0184) for applications for non-construction discretionary ORR grant programs.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 13.817, Refugee Assistance Cuban and Haitian Entrants)

Dated: March 3, 1982.

John A. Svahn,  
Commissioner of Social Security.

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#### St. Lucia; Finding Regarding Foreign Social Insurance or Pension System—St. Lucia

Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to aliens, subject to the exceptions described in section 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2) through 402(t)(5)), for any month after they have been outside the United

States for 6 consecutive calendar months.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)) provides that section 202(t)(1) shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a foreign country which the Secretary of Health and Human Services finds has in effect a social insurance or pension system which is of general application in such country and under which (A) periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, are paid on account of old age, retirement, or death, and (B) individuals who are citizens of the United States but not citizens of such foreign country and who qualify for such benefits are permitted to receive such benefits or the actuarial equivalent thereof while outside such foreign country without regard to the duration of the absence.

Pursuant to authority duly vested in the Commissioner of Social Security by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and redelegated to him, the Director of the Office of International Policy has approved a finding that St. Lucia does not have a social insurance or pension system which pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that St. Lucia does not have in effect a social insurance or pension system which meets the requirements of section 202(t)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)(A)).

Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 202(t)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(4) (A) and (B)) provide that section 202(t)(1) shall not be applicable to benefits payable on the earnings record of an individual who has 40 quarters of coverage under Social Security or who has resided in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 10 years or more. However, the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 202(t)(4) shall not apply to an individual who is a citizen of a foreign country that has in effect a social insurance or pension system which is of general application in such country and which satisfies the provisions of subparagraph (A) of section 202(t)(2) but not the provisions of subparagraph (B) of section 202(t)(2).

By virtue of the finding herein, the limitation on payment of monthly benefits to aliens included in section 202(t)(1) does not apply to citizens of St. Lucia receiving benefits on the earnings records of individuals who have 40 quarters of coverage under Social Security or who have resided in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 10 years or more.

Dated: March 1, 1982.

Andrew J. Young,

Director, Office of International Policy.

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#### St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Finding Regarding Foreign Social Insurance or Pension System—St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to aliens, subject to the exceptions described in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2) through 402(t)(5)), for any month after they have been outside the United States for 6 consecutive calendar months.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)) provides that section 202(t)(1) shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a foreign country which the Secretary of Health and Human Services finds has in effect a social insurance or pension system which is of general application in such country and under which (A) periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, are paid on account of old age, retirement, on death, and (B) individuals who are citizens of the United States but not citizens of such foreign country and who qualify for such benefits are permitted to receive such benefits or the actuarial equivalent thereof while outside such foreign country without regard to the duration of the absence.

Pursuant to authority duly vested in the Commissioner of Social Security by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and redelegated to him, the Director of the Office of International Policy had approved a finding that St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not have a social insurance or pension system which pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not have in effect a social insurance or pension system which meets the requirements of section 202(t)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)(A)).

Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 202(t)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(4) (A) and (B)) provide that section 202(t)(1) shall not be applicable to benefits payable on the earnings record of an individual who has 40 quarters of coverage under Social Security or who has resided in the United States for a period or periods

aggregating 10 years or more. However, the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 202(t)(4) shall not apply to an individual who is a citizen of a foreign country that has in effect a social insurance or pension system which is of general application in such country and which satisfies the provisions of subparagraph (A) of section 202(t)(2) but not the provisions of subparagraph (B) of section 202(t)(2).

By virtue of the finding herein, the limitation on payment of monthly benefits to aliens included in section 202(t)(1) does not apply to citizens of St. Vincent and the Grenadines receiving benefits on the earnings records of individuals who have 40 quarters of coverage under Social Security or who have resided in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 10 years or more.

Dated: March 1, 1982.

Andrew J. Young,

Director, Office of International Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Proposed Finding for Federal Acknowledgment of the Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band

March 2, 1982.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 54.9(f) notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary proposes to acknowledge the Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band, c/o Mrs. Madeline Esteves, Post Office Box 108, Death Valley, California 92323, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group satisfies the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 54.7 and, therefore meets the requirements necessary for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Under § 54.9(f) of the Federal regulations, a report summarizing the evidence for the proposed decision is available to the petitioner and interested parties upon written request.

Section 54.9(g) of the regulations provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed findings may submit factual or legal arguments and evidence to rebut the evidence relied upon. This material must be submitted on or before July 12, 1982. Comments and requests for a copy

of the report should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245, Attention: Branch of Federal Acknowledgment.

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed findings and within 60 days after the expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will publish his determination regarding the petitioner's status in the Federal Register as provided in § 54.9(h).

Kenneth Smith,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

[FR Doc. 82-6776 Filed 3-11-82; 8:45 am]

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#### Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the Munsee-Thames River Delaware Indian Nation

February 25, 1982.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 54.9(f) notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary proposes to decline to acknowledge the Munsee-Thames River Delaware Indian Nation, c/o Mr. William Lee Little Soldier, Post Office Box 567, Manitou Springs, Colorado 80911, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group does not meet four of the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 54.7 and, therefore, does not meet the requirements necessary for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Under § 54.9(f) of the Federal regulations, a report summarizing the evidence for the proposed decision is available to the petitioner and interested parties upon written request.

Section 54.9(g) of the regulations provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed findings may submit factual or legal arguments and evidence to rebut the evidence relied upon. This material must be submitted on or before July 12, 1982. Comments and requests for a copy of the report should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245, Attention: Branch of Federal Acknowledgment.

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed findings and within 60 days after the expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will

publish his determination regarding the petitioner's status in the Federal Register as provided in § 54.9(h).

Kenneth Smith,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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## Bureau of Land Management

### Alabama; Meeting of Southern Appalachian Regional Coal Team

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the responsibilities set forth in 43 CFR 3400, the Regional Coal Team for the Southern Appalachian Federal Coal Production Region, Alabama Subregion, will meet on April 15, 1982, to select tracts which may be offered in a third coal lease sale.

Public attendance is welcome, and time will be provided at the meeting for public comment prior to finalization of Regional Coal Team recommendations.

**DATE:** The Southern Appalachian Regional Coal Team meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 1982.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held in Ballroom 1A of the Stafford Inn, 2203 9th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Monte Jordan, Regional Coal Team Chairman, Bureau of Land Management (540), 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 343-4636.

Rolla E. Chandler,

Acting Eastern States Director.

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### Baker and Vale Districts; Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a public meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M., March 30, 1982, 5-J School District Office Building, 2090 4th Street, Baker, Oregon 97814. Purpose of meeting will be to review for comment the study of combining the Baker and Vale Districts of the Bureau of Land Management which would replace the current Baker District Office with a Detached Resource Area Office of the Vale District.

Gordon R. Staker,

District Manager.

March 3, 1982.

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